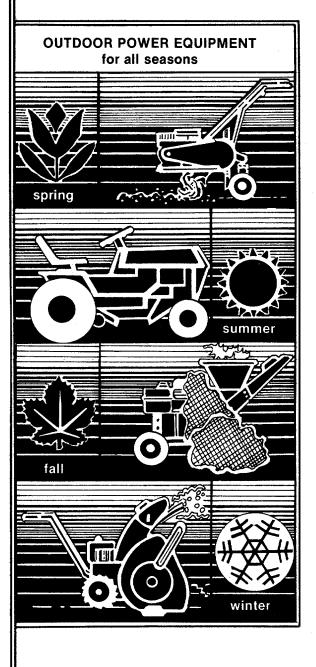
# OWNERSOUDE



20" ROTARY MOWERS

**Model Numbers** 

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# Important:

Read Safety Rules and Instructions Carefully

Thank you for purchasing an American-built product.

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Instructions given with this symbol are for personal safety. Be sure to follow them.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

For one year from the date of original retail purchase, MTD PRODUCTS INC will either repair or replace, at its option, free of charge, F.O.B. factory or authorized service firm, any part or parts found to be defective in material or workmanship. Transportation charges for the movement of any power equipment unit or attachment are the responsibility of the purchaser. Transportation charges for any parts submitted for replacement under this warranty must be paid by the purchaser unless such return is requested by MTD PRODUCTS INC.

This warranty will not apply to any part which has become inoperative due to misuse, excessive use, accident, neglect, improper maintenance, alterations, or unless the unit has been operated and maintained in accordance with the instructions furnished. This warranty does not apply to the engine, motor, battery, battery charger or component parts thereof. Please refer to the applicable manu acturer's warranty on these items.

This warranty will not apply where the unit has been used commercially.

Warranty service is available through your local authorized service dealer or distributor. If you do not know the dealer or distributor in your area, please write to the Customer Service Department of MTD.

The return of a complete unit will not be accepted by the factory unless prior written permission has been extended by MTD.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights which vary from state to state.



This unit is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

In the State of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. A spark arrester muffler is available at your nearest engine authorized service center.



To reduce the potential for any injury, comply with the following safety instructions. Failure to comply with the instructions may result in personal injury.

## SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES FOR WALK-BEHIND MOWERS

#### **TRAINING**

- Read this owner's manual carefully in its entirety before attempting to assemble or operate this machine. Be completely familiar with the controls and the proper use of this machine before operating it. Keep this manual in a safe place for future and regular reference and for ordering replacement parts.
- Your rotary mower is a precision piece of power equipment, not a plaything. Therefore, exercise extreme caution at all times.
- Never allow children to operate a power mower. Only persons well acquainted with these rules of safe operation should be allowed to use your mower.
- No one should operate this unit while intoxicated or while taking medication that impairs the senses or reactions
- 5. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets. Stop engine when they are in the vicinity of your mower. Although the area of operation should be completely cleared of foreign objects, an object may have been overlooked and could be accidently thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator or any others allowed in the area.

## **PREPARATION**

- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones and other foreign objects which could be picked up and thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator or any others allowed in the area.
- Do not operate equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Always wear substantial footwear.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing that could get caught on the mower.
- 4. Check the fuel before starting the engine. Gasoline is an extremely flammable fuel. Do not fill the gasoline tank indoors, while the engine is running, or while the engine is still hot. Wipe off any spilled gasoline before starting the engine as it may cause a fire or explosion.
- Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on units so equipped before starting the engine.
- 6. The blade control handle is a safety device. Never attempt to bypass its operation. Doing so makes the safety device inoperative and may result in personal injury through contact with the rotating blade. The blade control handle must operate easily in both directions.
- 7. Never attempt to make a wheel or cutting height adjustment while the engine is running.
- 8. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- Never operate the equipment in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing. A slip and fall can cause

serious personal injury. Keep a firm hold on the handle and walk, never run.

#### **OPERATION**

- Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Excessive engine speeds are dangerous.
- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times as the rotating blade can cause injury.
- Stop the blade when crossing gravel drives, walks or roads
- 4. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, remove the wire from the spark plug, and thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage. Repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.
- 5. If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
- 6. Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher or unclogging the chute. The cutting blade continues to rotate for a few seconds after the engine is shut off. Never place any part of the body in the blade area until you are sure the blade has stopped rotating.
- Before cleaning, repairing or inspecting, make certain the blade and all moving parts have stopped.
   Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the spark plug to prevent accidental starting.
- 8. Do not run the engine indoors.
- Mow across the face of slopes, never up-and-down. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes. Always be sure of your footing. A slip and fall can cause serious personal injury.
- 10. Always disconnect electric mowers (line operated) before cleaning, repairing or adjusting.
- 11. Never operate mower without proper guards, plates or other safety protective devices in place.

## MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

- Check the blade and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness.
- 2. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never store the equipment with gasoline in the tank inside of a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
- Check the grass catcher bag frequently for wear or deterioration. For safety protection, replace only with new bag meeting original equipment specifications.



This unit is shipped WITHOUT GAS-OLINE or OIL. After assembly, see separate engine manual for proper fuel and engine oil recommendations.

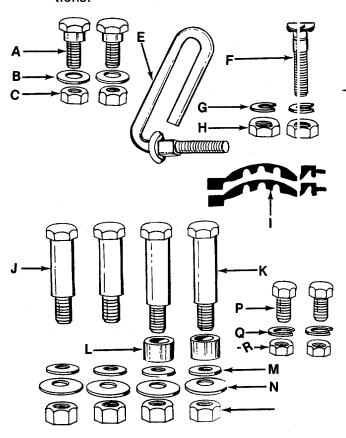


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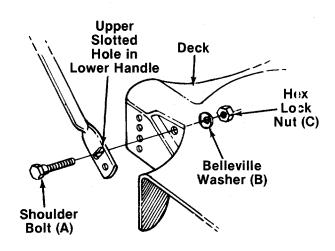


FIGURE 2.

## **ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS**

The instructions in this manual cover various models of mowers. Follow only those instructions which pertain to your unit.

CONTENTS OF HARDWARE PACK: (See figure 1) Hardware for Lower Handle Installation

- A (2) Shoulder Bolts
- B (2) Belleville Washers 5/16" I.D.
- C (2) Hex Lock Nuts 5/16-18 Thread

## Hardware for Upper Handle Installation

- -E (1) Rope Guide Bolt
- F (1) Curved Carriage Bolt
- G (2) Lock Washers 5/16" I.D.
- H (2) Hex Nuts 5/16-18 Thread
- I (2) Cable Ties (050 and 052)

# Hardware for Installation of Wheels (if unassembled)

- J (2) Axle Bolts 21/4 " Long
- K (2) Axle Bolts 2-5/8" Long
- L (2) Spacers
- M (4) Belleville Washers 3/8" I.D. x 7/8" O.D.
- N (4) Belleville Washers 3/8" I.D. x 1-1/8" O.D.
- O (4) Hex Nuts 3/8-16 Thread

# Hardware for Installation of Chute Deflector (Models 050 and 051)

- P (2) Hex Bolts 1/4-20 x 1/2 " Long
- Q (2) Lock Washers 1/4" I.D.
- R (2) Hex Nuts 1/4-20 Thread
- Remove lawn mower and loose parts from carton. Make certain all parts and literature have been removed from the carton before the carton is discarded.
- Extend the control cables and place on the floor. Be careful not to bend or kink control cables.

## **HANDLE INSTALLATION**

Line up the upper slotted hole in lower handle with the mounting hole on deck. Make certain the instruction label on the lower handle can be read from the operating position. Place shoulder bolt (A) through lower handle and deck. See figure 2. Place belleville washer (B) on the shoulder bolt, with the cupped side of the washer against the deck. Secure with hex lock nut (C).



It may be necessary to bend the ends of the lower handle inward slightly to obtain a tight fit against the deck.

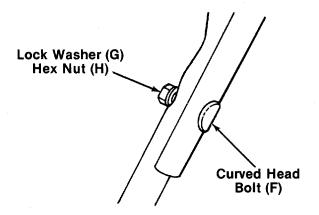
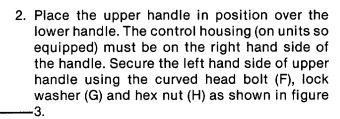


FIGURE 3.





The right hand side of the handle will be secured with the rope guide bolt. However, left handed operators may assemble the rope guide bolt to the left side of the handle for easier starting.

- Insert the rope guide bolt (E) through the right hand side of upper and lower handle.
   The starter rope is would exceed the starter.
- 4. The starter rope is wound around the starter handle. Maintain the tension on the rope as you unwind it.
- 5. Slip the starter rope into the rope guide bolt as shown in figure 4. Secure the rope guide bolt with lock washer (G) and hex nut (H). If more slack is needed in the starter rope, disconnect and ground the spark plug wire. Depress the blade control handle and pull additional rope out from the engine.

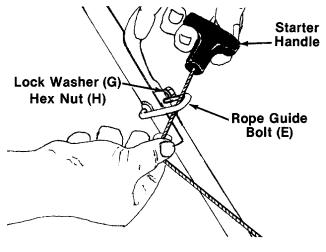


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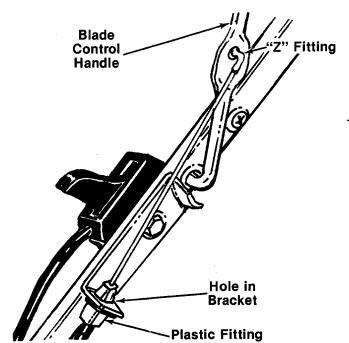


FIGURE 5.

6. Route the brake cable under the lower handle. Place the end of the brake cable into the hole—in the bracket as shown in figure 5. Be careful not to bend or kink the cable. Snap the plastic fitting on the end of the cable into the hole in the bracket.

Hook the "Z" end of the brake cable into the hole in the blade control handle. See figure 5.



Brake cable must be assembled as shown for proper blade brake operation.

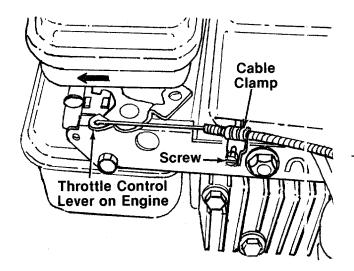


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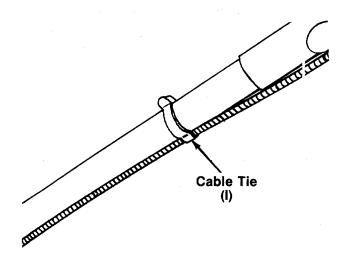


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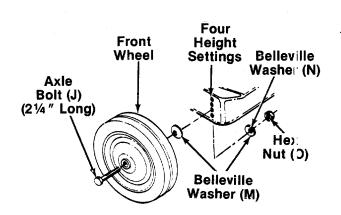


FIGURE 8.

Steps 7 through 11 are for models 050 and 052 only, which are equipped with remote throttle controls.

- 7. Place the throttle control lever on the handle in "Fast" position.
- Push the throttle control lever on the engine to the full open position (as far toward the outside of the unit as it will go) as shown in figure

   6.
- Hook the "Z" end of the throttle control cable into the hole in the control lever on the engine.
- 10. Remove the screw on the cable clamp shown in figure 6. Slip the control casing under the clamp. With the throttle lever on the engine still in the full open position, replace and tighten the screw to secure the throttle control cable.

11. Secure throttle control cable and brake cable to upper and lower handles with cable ties (I).See figure 7.

#### INSTALLATION OF WHEELS

If the wheels on your mower are not already assembled, proceed as follows.

The four holes provide four cutting heights for your mower. Use the same hole location for all four wheels when assembling. If wheels are to be assembled in the lowest cutting position (highest hole in the deck), refer to the note below.

To assemble the front wheels: (See figure 8)

- 1. Place axle boit (J) (21/4" Long) through wheel.
- 2. Place one believille washer 7/8" O.D. (M) on axle bolt, with the cupped side of washer toward the deck (away from wheel).
  - 3. Secure wheel to deck with one belleville washer 1-1/8" O.D. (N) on the inside of the deck (cupped side against the deck) and hex nut (O).

NOTE

If the lowest cutting position (highest hole in the deck) is used, it is necessary to place the 1-1/8" washer on the outside of the deck and the 7/8" washer on the inside.

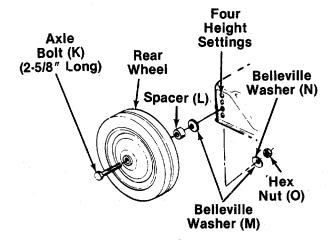


FIGURE 9.

- To assemble the rear wheels: (See figure 9)
  - 1. Place axie bolt (K) (2-5/8" long) through rear wheel.
  - 2. Place spacer (L) on axle bolt, next to wheel.
  - 3. Place one believille washer 7/8" O.D. (M) on axle bolt, with the cupped side of washer toward the deck (away from spacer).
  - Secure wheel to deck with one believille washer 1-1/8" O.D. (N) on the inside of the deck (cupped side against the deck) and hex nut (O).

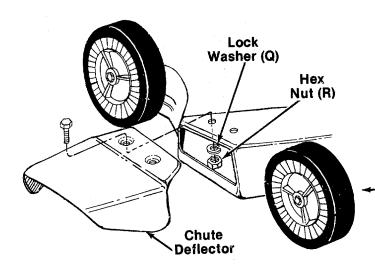
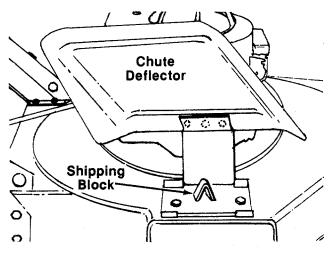


FIGURE 10.

# CHUTE DEFLECTOR Models 050 and 051:

The chute deflector provided is a safety device. Do not operate the mower unless the chute deflector has been properly installed.

Place the chute deflector in position on the deck. Secure with hex bolts (P), lock washers (Q) and hex nuts (R). See figure 10.



**FINAL CHECK** 

Models 052 and 053:

Check all nuts and bolts for correct tightness.

The chute deflector on your mower is in an upright position. It is held in that position by a shipping block. This block is used for shipping purposes

only. It must be removed and discarded before the mower is put into operation. See figure 11.

FIGURE 11.

## **CONTROLS**

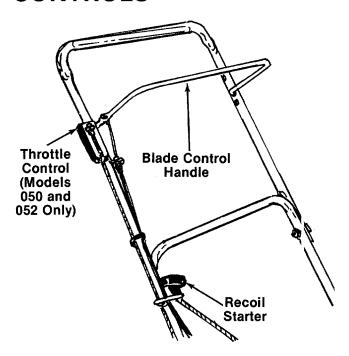


FIGURE 12.

## **BLADE CONTROL HANDLE**

WARNING
THIS CONTROL MECHANISM IS A
SAFETY DEVICE NEVER ATTEMPT
TO BYPASS ITS OPERATIONS

The blade control handle is located on the upper handle of the mower. See figure 12. The blade control handle must be depressed in order to operate the unit. Release the blade control handle to stop the engine and blade.



The blade will be rotating whenever the engine is running.

## THROTTLE CONTROL (Models 050 and 052)

The throttle control is located on the right side of the upper handle. It is used to regulate the engine speed. The engine should be started with the engine in the FAST or START position.



The throttle control cannot be used to stop the engine.

## **RECOIL STARTER**

The recoil starter handle is attached to the handle. See figure 12. Stand behind the unit in the operating position to start the unit.

## **OPERATION**



#### FIGURE 13.

Keep hands and feet away from the chute area on cutting deck. See figure 13.



If the wheels on your unit were assembled at the factory, they are set in a low cutting height position for shipping purposes. For best results, raise the cutting position until it is determined which height is best for your lawn. See cutting height adjustment.

## **BEFORE STARTING**

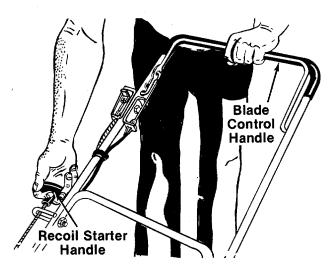
- Service engine with oil and gasoline as instructed in the separate engine manual packed with your unit. Read the instructions carefully.
- 2. Attach spark plug wire to spark plug.

#### TO START ENGINE AND ENGAGE BLADE

1. **Models 050 and 052:** Move the throttle control lever to FAST or START position.

**Models 051 and 053:** Prime engine as instructed in the separate engine manual.

- 2. Standing behind the unit, depress the blade control handle and hold it against the upper handle as shown in figure 14.
- Grasp the recoil starter handle as shown and pull up rapidly. Return it slowly to the rope guide bolt.
- 4. After engine starts, move throttle control lever to desired engine speed on models 050 and 052.



#### FIGURE 14.

## TO STOP ENGINE AND BLADE

1. Release the blade control handle to stop the engine and blade.



The blade continues to rotate for a few seconds after the engine is shut off.

Disconnect the spark plug wire and ground it against the engine to prevent accidental starting while equipment is unattended.

## **USING YOUR ROTARY MOWER**

Be sure that lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wire, or other objects which could damage lawn mower or engine. Such objects could be accidently thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator and others.

For best results, do not cut wet grass because it tends to stick to the underside of the mower, preventing proper discharge of grass clippings, and could cause you to slip and fall. New grass, thick grass or wet grass may require a narrower cut. Blade speed should be adjusted to the condition of the lawn.

The best mowing pattern is one that allows the clippings to discharge towards the uncut part of the lawn. This permits recutting of the clippings to further pulverize them. When cutting high weeds, discharge towards cut portion, then recut at right angles to first direction.

For best results, cut off one-third or less of the total length of the grass. Lawn should be cut in the fall as long as there is growth.

This mower is designed to be operated at full throttle to give you the best cut and do the most effective job of bagging the cut grass.



If you strike a foreign object, stop the engine. Remove wire from spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower. Extensive vibration of the mower during operation is an indication of damage. The unit should be promptly inspected and repaired.

## **ADJUSTMENTS**



Do not at any time make any adjustment to lawn mower without first stopping engine and disconnecting spark plug wire.

## **CUTTING HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT**

Adjustment may be made by removing and moving axle bolts to desired position. Cutting heights will be raised as axle bolts are moved to a lower hole and lowered as axle bolts are moved to a higher hole in the deck. All axle bolts must be mounted in the same relative position. Belleville washers must be assembled so that the cupped side of the washers are against the deck. The spacers must be assembled between the rear wheels and the belleville washers. Refer to figures 8 and 9.

## THROTTLE (Models 050 and 052 Only)

If adjustment becomes necessary, the throttle control wire assembly can be reset as follows:

1. Loosen, but do not remove, screw securing throttle control wire assembly at engine. See figure 6.

- 2. Move throttle control lever on hand e to "FAST" position.
- Move control lever on engine to full open position. Retighten screw to secure throttle control wire assembly.

## **CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENTS**



If any adjustments are made to the engine while the engine is running (e.g. carburetor), keep clear of all moving parts. Be careful of heated surfaces and muffler.

Minor carburetor adjustment may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude and load.

Refer to the separate engine manual packed with your mower for carburetor adjustment information.

## LUBRICATION



Always stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire before cleaning, lubricating or doing any kind of work on lawn mower.

Blade Control—Lubricate the pivot points on the blade control handle and the brake cable at least once a season with light oil. See figure 15 The blade control must operate freely in both (lirections.

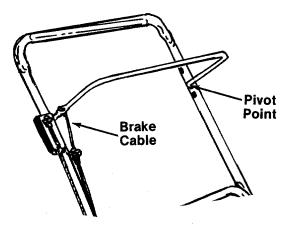


FIGURE 15.

Chute Deflector (Models 052 and 053)—The torsion spring and pivot point should be lubricated periodically with light oil to prevent any rust or binding. Deflector must work freely.

Wheels—The wheels require no lubrication. However, if the wheels are removed for any reason, lubricate the surface of the axle bolt and the inner surface of the wheel with light oil. A 4 oz. plastic bottle of light oil lubricant is available. Order part number 737-0170. Engine oil may also be used.

**Engine**—Follow engine manual for lubrication instructions.

Throttle (Models 050 and 052)—Periodically lubricate throttle control lever and throttle wire assembly with a few drops of light oil for ease of operation.

## MAINTENANCE



When tipping the unit, empty the fuel tank and keep engine spark plug side up.

## **CUTTING BLADE**

A. Removal for Sharpening or Replacement



Be sure to disconnect and ground the spark plug wire before working on the cutting blade to prevent accidental engine starting.

Remove the large bolt and lock washer which holds the blade and adapter to the engine crankshaft. Remove the blade and adapter from the crankshaft.

If the blade or blade adapter needs replacing, remove the two small bolts, lock washers and nuts which hold the blade to the adapter.



Periodically inspect the blade adapter for cracks, especially if you strike a foreign object. Replace when necessary.

## B. Sharpening

Remove the cutting blade by following the directions of the preceding section.

When sharpening the blade, follow the original angle of grind as a guide. It is extremely important

that each cutting edge receives an equal amount of grinding to prevent an unbalanced blade. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration when rotating at high speeds, may cause damage to the mower and could break, causing personal injury.

It is recommended that the blade always be removed from the adapter for the best test of balance. The blade can be tested by balancing it on a round shaft screwdriver. Remove metal from the heavy side until it balances evenly.

## C. Reassembly

Before reassembling the blade and the blade adapter to the unit, lubricate the engine crankshaft and the inner surface of the blade adapter with light oil. Lubricating the bolt holes, bolts and inner surface of the nuts with light oil is also recommended. A 4 oz. plastic bottle of light oil lubricant is available. Order part number 737-0170. Engine oil may also be used.

When replacing the blade, be sure to install the blade with the side of the blade marked "Bottom" (or with part number) facing the ground when the mower is in the operating position.

## **Blade Mounting Torque**

3/8" Dia. Bolt 375 in. lb. min., 450 in. lb. max. 5/16" Dia. Bolt 150 in. lb. min., 250 in. lb. max.

To insure safe operation of your unit, all nuts and bolts must be checked periodically for correct tightness.

#### **DECK**

The underside of mower deck should be cleaned after each period of use as grass clippings, leaves, dirt and other matter will accumulate. This accumulation of grass clippings, etc., is undesirable as it will invite rust and corrosion and may cause an uneven discharge of grass clippings at the next cutting.

The deck may be cleaned by tilting the mower forward or on its side and scraping clean with a suitable tool or by washing with a stream of water from a garden hose.



Do not direct the stream of water at a hot engine as damage to the engine may result.

## **ENGINE**

Refer to the separate engine manual for engine maintenance instructions.

## AIR CLEANER

Service air cleaner every 25 hours under normal conditions. Clean every few hours under extremely dusty conditions. Poor engine performance and flooding usually indicates that the air cleaner should be serviced.

To service the air cleaner, refer to the separate engine manual packed with your unit.

## **SPARK PLUG**

The spark plug should be cleaned and the gap reset once a season. Spark plug replacement is recommended at the start of each mowing season; check engine manual for correct plug type and gap specifications.

## **OFF-SEASON STORAGE**

The following steps should be taken to prepare lawn mower for storage.

- 1. Clean and lubricate mower thoroughly as described in the lubrication instructions.
- 2. Refer to engine manual for correct engine storage instructions.
- 3. Coat mower's cutting blade with chassis grease to prevent rusting.
- 4. Store mower in a dry, clean area.



When storing any type of power equipment in an unventilated or metal storage shed, care should be taken to rust-proof the equipment. Using a light oil or silicone, coat the equipment, especially cables and all moving parts.



The use of any accessory on this Rotary Mower other than those manufactured by the mower manufacturer is rot recommended.

Grass catcher Model 065 s available as optional equipment for the Models 052 and 053. No grass catcher is available for Models 050 and 051.



- 1. DO NOT operate the mov/er without the entire grass catcher or chute deflector in place.
- 2. DO NOT operate the mover without the protective shield on the rear of the deck in place.



Under normal usage bag material is subject to wear and should be checked periodically. Be sure any replacement bag complies with the mower manufacturer's recommendations.

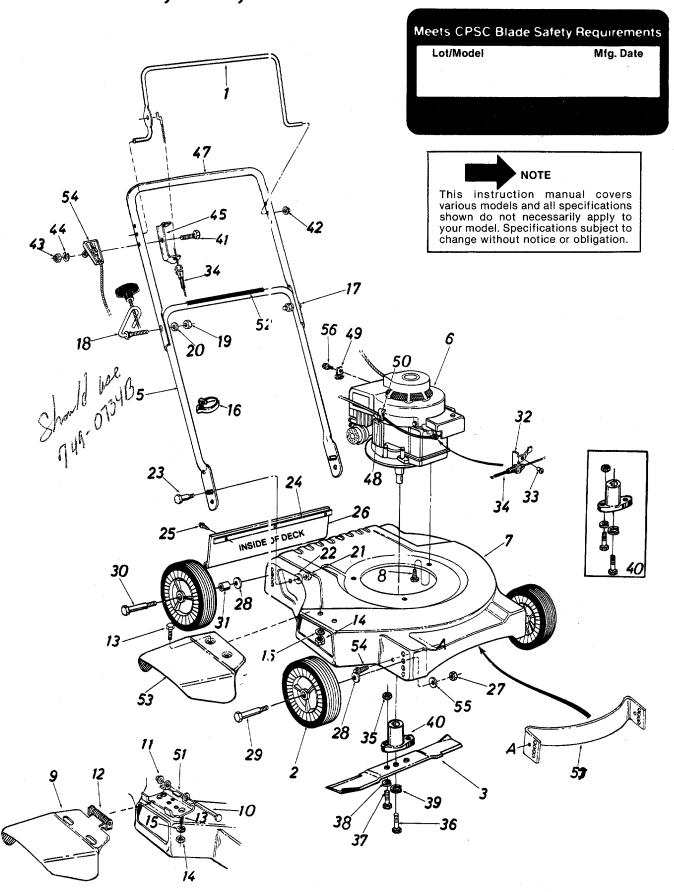
For replacement bags, use only factory authorized replacement bag No. 764-0217.

**Trouble Shooting Chart** 

|   | Trouble Shooting  | Chart  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Problem   | Cause   | Remedy   |  |  |  |
| 1 Engine fails to start                           | A Blade control handle disengaged   | A Engage blade control handle.   |  |  |  |
|   | B Check fuel tank for gas C Spark plug lead wire disconnected.  | B Fill tank if empty. C Connect lead wire.   |  |  |  |
|   | D Throttle control lever not in the starting position  E Faulty spark plug  | <ul> <li>D Move throttle lever to start position.</li> <li>E Spark should jump gap between control electrode and side electrode. If spark does not jump, replace the spark plug.</li> </ul>    |  |  |  |
|   | F Carburetor improperly adjusted, engine flooded  | F Remove spark plug, dry the plug, crank engine with plug removed, and throttle in off position. Replace spark plug and lead wire and resume starting procedures.                              |  |  |  |
|   | G Old stale gasoline  | <b>G</b> Drain and refill with fresh gasoline.   |  |  |  |
|   | H Engine brake engaged  | H Follow starting procedure.   |  |  |  |
| 2 Hard starting or loss of power                  | A Spark plug wire loose   | A Connect and tighten spark plug wire.   |  |  |  |
| •   | B Carburetor improperly adjusted  | B Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual.   |  |  |  |
|   | C Dirty air cleaner   | C Clean air cleaner as described in separate engine manual.  |  |  |  |
| 3 Operation erratic                               | A Dirt in gas tank  | A Remove the dirt and fill tank with fresh gas.  |  |  |  |
|   | <b>B</b> Dirty air cleaner  | B Clean air cleaner as described in separate engine manual.  |  |  |  |
|   | C Water in fuel supply  | C Drain contaminated fuel and fill tank with fresh gas.  |  |  |  |
|   | <ul><li>D Vent in gas cap plugged</li><li>E Carburetor improperly adjusted</li></ul>                                    | <ul><li>D Clear vent or replace gas cap.</li><li>E Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual.</li></ul>  |  |  |  |
| 4 Occasional skip<br>(hesitates) at high<br>speed | A Carburetor idle speed too slow     B Spark plug gap too close     C Carburetor idle mixture adjustment improperly set | <ul> <li>A Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual.</li> <li>B Adjust to .030".</li> <li>C Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual.</li> </ul>                                     |  |  |  |
| 5 Idles poorly                                    | A Spark plug fouled, faulty, or gap too wide     B Carburetor improperly adjusted     C Dirty air cleaner               | <ul> <li>A Reset gap to .030" or replace spark plug.</li> <li>B Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual.</li> <li>C Clean air cleaner as described in separate engine manual.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| 6 Engine overheats                                | A Carburetor not adjusted properly     B Air flow restricted  | A Adjust carburetor. See separate engine manual.     B Remove blower housing and clean as described in separate  |  |  |  |
|   | C Engine oil level low  | engine manual.  C Fill crankcase with the proper oil.  |  |  |  |
| 7 Excessive vibration                             | A Cutting blade loose or unbalanced     B Bent cutting blade  | A Tighten blade and adapter. Balance blade. B Replace blade.   |  |  |  |
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Note: For repairs beyond the minor adjustments listed above, contact your local authorized service dealer.

# Models 050, 051, 052 and 053



# Models 050, 051, 052 and 053

# PARTS LIST FOR MODELS 050, 051, 052 and 053 ROTARY MOWERS

| Tole   |     |          | NOTANT MOWERS |                        |                              |       |      |                     | ·     |                              |   |
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| 1  |     |          |               | COLOR                  | DESCRIPTION                  |       |      |                     |       | DESCRIPTION                  |   |
| 1  | ŀ   |          |               | 10                     | Control Handle               | N     | 30   | 738-050             | )9    | Shid. Bolt (Rear Axle)       |   |
| 742-0123 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 6 749-0372 749-0372 749-0372 749-0372 740-0352 740-035 |     |          |               | <i>)</i> 0             |                              |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |
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| Taylor   T   | İ   |          | 740.03        | 23<br>29 <i>47 %//</i> | nower Handle (Chrome)        |       |      |                     | 71    |                              |   |
| Regime   R   |     | <b>D</b> |               |                        | Lower Handle (Painted)       |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |
| 7 16202 —462 16393 —462 20" Deck (Used w/Ref. No. 57)  8 710-0654  |     | ^        | 749-03        |                        |                              |       | 34   | 746-055             |       |                              | N |
| 16393  |     |          | 16202         | 462                    | 20" Deck                     | l n l |      |                     |       | Hex Nut 5/16-24 Thd.*        |   |
| No. 57    Hex Wash. Hd. TT-Tap Scr. 3/8-16 x 1.00" Lg. (Grade 5)   Hex Bolt 5/16-24 x 1.00" Lg. (Grade 5)   Hex Bolt 5/16-24 x 1.00" Lg. (Grade 5)   Hex Bolt 5/16-24 x 1.00" Lg. (Grade 5)   L-Wash. 5/16" I.D. + L-Wash. 3/8" I.D. Heavy Duty Duty Blade Adapter Kit Hex Bolt 5/16-28 x 1.75" Lg. + Hex Nut 5/16-18 x 1.38" Lg.   Hex Nut 5/16-18 x 1.38" Lg.   Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd. + L-Wash. 5/16" I.D. * L-Wash.    | ١   | .7       |               |                        | 20" Deck (Used w/Ref         |       |      |                     |       | Hex Bolt 3/8-24 x 1.00" Lg.  |   |
| 8 710-0654   | 1   |          | 10393         | 402                    |                              | N     |      |                     | -     |                              |   |
| 3/8-16 x 1.00" Lg.  3/8-16 x 1.00" Lg.  (O52 & 053)  10 711-0555   |     |          | 740.06        | <b>=</b> 1             | Hey Wash Hd TT-Tan Scr.      |       | 37   | 710-088             | 38    | Hex Bolt 5/16-24 x 1.00" Lg. |   |
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| 10   |     | •        | 4 40 4 4      |                        |                              |       | 38   | 736-01 <sup>-</sup> | 19    |                              |   |
| 10   |     | 9        | 14944         |                        |                              |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |
| 11   | 1   | 40       | 744 05        | E E .                  |                              |       |      |                     | • • • |                              |   |
| 11   | -   |          |               |                        | Can Speed Nut 1/4" Rod       |       | 40   | 753-034             | 43    |                              |   |
| 12         732-0253         Torsion Spring (052 & 053)         43         712-0138         Hex Nut ¼-28 Thd.         L-Wash. ¼-″ I.D.         L-Wash. ¼-″ I.D.         Cable Tie         Loble Tie         44         736-0175         Loble Tie         Loble Tie         47         749-0536         Upper Handle (Chrome)         Upper Handle (Chrome) <td>-  </td> <td>11</td> <td>720-01</td> <td>00</td> <td>(052 &amp; 053)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>   | -   | 11       | 720-01        | 00                     | (052 & 053)                  |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |
| 13   | 1   | 40       | 722.02        | <b>5</b> 2             | Torsion Spring (052 & 053)   |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |
| 13   |     |          |               |                        | Hey Bolt 14-20 x 50" La.*    |       |      |                     |       | L-Wash. 1/4" I.D.            |   |
| 14   |     |          |               |                        | Hey Nut 1/4-20 Thd.*         |       |      |                     |       | Cable Mounting Brkt.         | N |
| Table   Tabl   |     |          |               |                        | 1 -Wash 1/4" I D *           |       |      |                     | 36    |                              |   |
| 16   |     |          |               |                        |                              |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |
| 17   710-0071   5/16-18 x 1.38" Lg.   49   751-0369   Casing Clamp (050 & 052)   Casing Clamp (050 &   |     |          |               |                        | Curved Carriage Bolt         |       | 48   |                     |       |                              |   |
| 18       710-0842       Rope Guide Bolt       49       751-0369       Casing Clamp (050 & 052)         20       736-0119       L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.*       50       12894       Casing Clamp (050 & 052)         21       712-0429       Hex Ins. L-Nut 5/16-18 Thd.       51       11130       Hinge Plate (052 & 053)         22       736-0242       Hex Ins. L-Nut 5/16-18 Thd.       53       16203       Instruction Label—Handle         Chute Deflector (050 & 051)       No.       746-0558       Throttle Control Ass'y.—       Comp. (050 & 052)         Lg.       Retainer Strip       Hex Wash. Hd. Self-Tap Scr.       55       736-0331       Hex AB-Tap Scr. #8 x .38"         Lg.       731-0670       Rear Flap Ass'y.       No.       57       16328       Baffle (Optional)         712-0798       Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.*       Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.*       No.       710-0352       Hex B-Tap Screw 1/4 x .38"   | 1   | 17       | / 10-00       | ) / 1                  | 5/16-18 x 1 38" La           |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |
| 18   | ١   | 40       | 740.00        | 40                     |                              |       | 49   | 751-03              | 69    |                              |   |
| 19   |     |          |               |                        | Hey Nut 5/16-18 Thd *        |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |
| 20 736-0242  |     |          |               |                        | Wash 5/16"   D *             |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |
| 21   736-0242   Bell-Wash345" I.D. x .88"   O.D.   Shid. Bolt .437" Dia. x .268"   Lg.   Shid. Bolt .437" Dia. x .268"   Lg.   Retainer Strip   Hex Wash. Hd. Self-Tap Scr.   1/4" x .62" Lg.   Rear Flap Ass'y.   N   57   16328   Saffle (Optional)   N   Throttle Control Ass'y.   N   N   N   N   N   N   N   N   N  |     |          |               |                        | Hey Ins. L. Nut 5/16-18 Thd. |       |      |                     | 55    |                              |   |
| 23 738-0296 24 14836 25 710-0776 26 731-0670 27 712-0798 27 712-0798 28 Don't Comp. (050 & 052) Shid. Bolt .437" Dia. x .268" Lg. Retainer Strip Hex Wash. Hd. Self-Tap Scr. 1/4" x .62" Lg. Rear Flap Ass'y. N 57 16328 Throttle Control Ass'y. Comp. (050 & 052) Bell-Wash39" l.D. x 1.13" O.D. Hex AB-Tap Scr. #8 x .38" Lg. (050 & 052) Baffle (Optional) N 57 16328 Throttle Control Ass'y. Comp. (050 & 052) Bell-Wash39" l.D. x 1.13" O.D. Hex AB-Tap Scr. #8 x .38" Lg. (050 & 052) Baffle (Optional) N Hex B-Tap Screw 1/4 x .38"   | - 1 |          |               |                        | Bell-Wash 345" I D x 88"     |       |      |                     |       | Chute Deflector (050 & 051)  | N |
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| 25 710-0776  |     | 0.4      | 14000         |                        | Retainer Strip               |       | -    |                     |       |                              |   |
| 26 731-0670  |     |          |               |                        | Hex Wash, Hd Self-Tap Scr.   |       | 56   | 710-02              | 27    | Hex AB-Tap Scr. #8 x .38"    |   |
| 26 731-0670 Rear Flap Ass'y. N 57 16328 Baffle (Optional) N 57 712-0798 Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.* S8 710-0352 Hex B-Tap Screw 1/4 x .38"  |     | 25       | 710-07        | 110                    |                              |       |      |                     | -     |                              |   |
| 27 712-0798 Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.* 58 710-0352 Hex B-Tap Screw 1/4 x .38"  |     | 26       | 721 04        | 370                    |                              | N     | 57   | 16328               |       |                              | N |
| 2/ /120700   |     |          |               |                        | Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.*         |       |      |                     | 52    | Hex B-Tap Screw 1/4 x .38"   |   |
| 28 736-0105 Bell-Wash400" I.D. x .88"   Lg. (Optional)   | ١   | 27<br>28 |               |                        | Bell-Wash400" I.D. x .88"    |       |      |                     | -     | Lg. (Optional)               |   |
| 28 730-0105 Dell-Wachi. 1400 IID 7 100 I   |     | 20       | 130-0         | 100                    |                              |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |
| 29 738-0213 Shid. Bolt (Front Axle)  |     | 20       | 738-01        | 213                    |                              |       |      |                     |       |                              |   |

<sup>\*</sup>For faster service obtain standard nuts, bolts, and washers locally. If these items cannot be obtained locally, order by part number and size as shown on parts list.

## \*\*Wheel Assembly

| 7"<br>8" | 734-0840<br>734-0841 | 734-1176<br>734-1177 |
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(462-Red Flake)

When ordering parts if color or finish is important, use the appropriate color code shown above. (e.g. Red Flake Finish—11402 (462).)

NOTE: The engine is not under warranty by the mower manufacturer...If repairs or service is needed on the engine, please contact your nearest authorized engine service outlet. Check the "Yellow Pages" of your telephone book under "Engines—Gasoline."

## PARTS INFORMATION

## POWER EQUIPMENT PARTS AND SERVICE

Parts and service are available through the authorized service firms listed below. All orders should specify the model numt er of your unit, part numbers, description of parts and the quant ty of each part required.

## BRIGGS AND STRATTON, TECUMSEH AND PEERLESS PARTS AND SERVICE

Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh and Peerless parts and service should be handled by your nearest authorized engine service firm. Check the yellow pages of your telephone directory under the listing **Engines—Gasoline**, Briggs & Stratton or Tecumseh Lauson.

NOTE: If any parts are found to be missing or defective upon assembly of this unit, write to advise the factory so that immediate replacement can be made.

| ALABAMA                            | BIRMINGHAM                             | оню                              | CARROLL                    |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Auto Electric & Carburetor Co.     | 2625 4th Ave. S35233                   | Stebe's Mid-State Mower Supply   | Roy 366 71 High St 43112   |
| ARKANSAS                           | NORTH LITTLE BOCK                      | Otobo o mila otato mower ouppry  | CLEVELAND                  |
| Sutton's Lawn Mower Shop           | 5301 Roundtop Drive                    | Bleckrie, Inc                    | 7900 Lorain Ave 44102      |
| CALIFORNIA<br>Billious             | Box 368, Rt. 4 '2117                   |                                  | WADSWORTH                  |
| CALIFORNIA                         | PORTERVILLE                            | National Central                 | 687 Seville Rd 44281       |
| Billious                           | 75 North D Street 93257                |                                  | YOUNGSTOWN                 |
| COLORADO                           | DENVER                                 | Burton Supply Co                 | 1301 Logan Ave.            |
| Spitzer Industrial Products Co     | 6601 N.                                |                                  | Box 929 44501              |
| FLORIDA                            | Washington St 80229                    | OKLAHOMA Victory Motors, Inc     | MUSKOGEE                   |
| FLORIDA Radco Distributors         | JACKSONVILLE                           | Victory Motors, Inc              | 605 S. Cherokee 74401      |
| hauco distributors                 | 4909 Victor St.                        | OREGON Kenton Supply Co          | PORTLAND                   |
|                                    | Box 5459                               | Kenton Supply Co                 | 8216 N. Denver Ave 97217   |
| Small Eng. Diet                    | 7995 W. 26th Court 3016                | PENNSYLVANIA<br>EECO Inc         | HARRISBURG                 |
| GEORGIA                            | EAST DOINT                             | EECO Inc                         | 4021 N. 6th St 17110       |
| Fast Point Cycle & Key Inc         | <b>EAST POINT</b> 2834 Church St (0344 | Thompson Rubber Co               | PHILADELPHIA               |
| ILLINOIS                           | LYONS                                  | nompson Rubber Co                | 5222-24 N. Fifth St 19120  |
| Keen Edge Co                       | <b>LYONS</b> 8615 Ogden Ave 60534      | Bluemont Co                      | PITTSBURGH                 |
| INDIANA                            | FLKHART                                | Bidemont Co                      | PUNXSUTAWNEY               |
| Parts & Sales Inc.                 | ELKHART 2101 Industrial Pkwy 46516     | Frank Roberts & Sons             | PUNASUIAWNET               |
| IOWA                               | DUBUQUE                                | Frank hoberts & Sons             | SCRANTON                   |
| Power Lawn & Garden Equip          | 2551 J.F. Kennedy 52001                | Scranton Auto Ignition Co        | 1133 35 Myoming Avg. 19500 |
| LOUISIANA                          | NEW ORLEANS                            | TENNESSEE                        | KNOYVILLE                  |
| Suhren Engine Co                   | NEW ORLEANS 8330 Earhart Blvd '0118    | TENNESSEE  Master Repair Service | 2000 Western Ave 37021     |
| MARYLAND                           | TAKOMA PARK                            | master riepan dervice            | MEMPHIS                    |
| MARYLAND Center Supply Co          | 6867 New Hampshire                     | American Sales & Service, Inc.   |                            |
|                                    | Ava 90010                              | TEXAS                            | DALLAS                     |
| MASSACHUSETTS Morton B. Collins Co | SPRINGFIELD                            | TEXAS Marr Brothers, Inc         | 423 F. Jefferson 75203     |
| Morton B. Collins Co               | 300 Birnie Ave                         |                                  | FORT WORTH                 |
| MICHIGAN                           | LANSING<br>2500 S. Pennsylvania48910   | Woodson Sales Corp               | . 6733 Baker Blvd          |
| Lorenz Service Co                  | 2500 S. Pennsylvania48910              |                                  | Hwv. 10                    |
|                                    | MOUNT CLEMENS 340 Hubbard              | Bullard Supply Co                | HOUSTON                    |
| Power Equipment Dist               | 340 Hubbard                            | Builard Supply Co                | 2409 Commerce St 77003     |
| MINNESOTA                          | HOPKINS<br>420 Excelsior Ave. W 5343   | Engine House Inc                 | SAN ANTONIO                |
| Hance Distributing Inc             | 420 Excelsior Ave. W 5343              | Engine House Inc                 | 8610 Botts Lane            |
| MISSISSIPPI                        | BILOXI                                 |                                  | P.O. Box 17867 78217       |
| MICCOURT                           | 506.Calliavet St                       | UTAH Powered Products            | BOUNTIFUL                  |
| MISSOURI                           | KANSAS CITY3117 Holmes St (4109        | Powered Products                 | 485 N 500 W 84010          |
| Automotive Equip. Service          | ST. JOSEPH                             | VIRGINIA<br>RBI Corp             | ASHLAND                    |
| Poss Frazor Supply Co              | 8th and Monterey £ 4503                | RBI Corp.                        | . 101 Cedar Ridge Dr 23005 |
| noss-riazer Supply Co              | ST LOUIS                               | WASHINGTON Equip. Northwest      | SEATTLE                    |
| Henzler Inc                        | ST. LOUIS<br>2015 Lemay Ferry Rd £3125 | Equip. Northwest                 | . 1410 14th Ave 98122      |
| NEW JERSEY                         | RELIMAND                               | WISCONSIN Horst Dist. Inc.       | CHILTON                    |
| NEW JERSEY Lawnmower Parts Inc     | 717 Creek Rd (8030                     | Horst Dist. Inc.                 | . 444 N. Madison St 53014  |
| NEW MEXICO                         | ALBUQUERQUE                            | NORTH CAROLINA Smith Hardware Co | GOLDSBORO                  |
| Spitzer Eng. & Parts Co.           | 1023 Third Ave. N.W 87103              | Smith Hardware Co                | . 515 N. George St 27530   |
| NEW YORK                           | CARTHAGE West End Ave13619             |                                  | CDEENSBODO                 |
| Gamble Dist., Inc                  | West End Ave 13619                     | Dixie Sales Company              | . 335 N. Green 27402       |
| ,                                  |  |                                  |                            |

#### WARRANTY PARTS AND SERVICE POLICY

(0484)

The purpose of warranty is to protect the customer from diffects in workmanship and materials, defects which are NOT detected at the time of manufacture. It does not provide for the unlimited and unrestricted replacement of parts. Use and maintenance are the responsibility of the customer. The manufacturer cannot assume responsibility for conditions over which it has no control. Simply put, if it's the manufacturer's fault, it's the manufacturer's responsibility.

## CLAIMS AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY INCLUDES:

- 1. Replacement of Missing Parts on new equipment.
- 2. Replacement of Defective Parts within the warranty period.
- 3. Repair of Defects within the warranty period.

All claims MUST be substantiated with the following information:

- 1. Model Number of unit involved.
- 2. Date unit was purchased or first put into service.
- 3. Date of failure.
- 4. Nature of failure.

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